

Canonical approach to 2D WZNW model, non-abelian bosonization and anomalies

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Abstract

The gauged WZNW model has been derived as an effective action, whose Poisson bracket algebra of the constraints is isomorphic to the commutator algebra of operators in quantized fermionic theory. As a consequence, the hamiltonian as well as usual lagrangian non-abelian bosonization rules have been obtained, for the chiral currents and for the chiral densities. The expression for the anomaly has been obtained as a function of the Schwinger term, using canonical methods.

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I. INTRODUCTION

It is well known that in $1 + 1$ dimensions there exist equivalence between fermi and bose theories in the abelian [1] and non-abelian case [2]. In the later Witten demonstrated that free field theory of N massless Majorana fermions is equivalent to the non-linear sigma model with Wess-Zumino term at the infrared-stable fixed point, because both theories obey the same Kac-Moody (KM) algebras. The extension of this equivalence have been considered by several authors [3]. They introduced external chiral gauge fields and showed the identity of the effective actions which implies the identity of correlation functions.

In this paper, starting with non-abelian fermionic theory coupled with background gauge fields, we are going to construct the equivalent bosonic theory for general gauge group. Our approach is different from the previous one and naturally works in the *hamiltonian* formalism. We believe that it gives a simpler resolution of the problem.

The classical fermionic theory is invariant under local non-abelian gauge transformations. Consequently, the first class constraints (FCC) $j_{\pm a}$ are present in the theory and satisfy non-abelian algebra as a Poisson bracket (PB) algebra. In the quantum theory the *central term* appears in the commutator algebra of the operators $\hat{j}_{\pm a}$, so that the constraints become second class (SCC) which implies the existence of the anomaly [4]. These known results will be repeated in Sec. II for completeness of the paper and in order to fix our notation.

We define the effective bosonized theory, as a classical theory whose PB algebra of the constraints $J_{\pm a}$ is isomorphic to the commutator algebra of the operators $\hat{j}_{\pm a}$, in the quantized fermionic theory. This is the way how the bosonized theory at the classical level incorporates anomalies of the quantum fermionic theory.

In Sec. III we find the effective action W , for given algebra as its PB algebra. The similar problems has been considered before in the literature [5]. Using the method of coadjoint orbits, they showed that KM algebra yield the Wess-Zumino-Novikov-Witten (WZNW) model. Here we are going to present a new, canonical approach. We introduce the phase space coordinate q^α, π_α and parameterize the constraints $J_{\pm a}$ by them. One of the main

points of the paper is to find the expressions for the constraints $J_{\pm a}$ and for the canonical hamiltonian \mathcal{H}_c in terms of phase space coordinate, satisfying a specific PB algebra. We then use the general canonical method [6,7] for constructing the effective action W with the known representation of the constraints. By eliminating the momentum variables on their equations of motion we obtain the bose theory in the background fields, which is equivalent to the quantum fermi theory in the same background. This bose theory is known as a *gauged WZNW action*.

In Sec. IV we derive *hamiltonian* non-abelian bosonization rules. It is easy to obtain the formulae for the currents, just differentiating the functional integral with respect to the background fields. We also derive the rules for $\bar{\psi}\psi$ and $\bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi$ terms, using the approach of this paper. Note that our hamiltonian bosonization formulae for the currents depend on the momenta, while those for mass term depend only on the coordinates. Witten's non-abelian bosonization rules can be obtained from the hamiltonian ones, after eliminating the momenta.

In Sec. V we obtain the expression for the anomaly, using canonical method. We extend the general canonical formalism, from systems with FCC to the systems with SCC where the central term appears. We find the expressions for the left-right, as well as for the axial anomaly.

Sec. VI is devoted to concluding remarks. The derivation of the central term, using normal ordering prescription is presented in the Appendix.

II. CANONICAL ANALYSIS OF THE FERMIONIC THEORY

A. Classical theory

Let us consider the theory of two dimensional massless Majorana fermions ψ^i ($i = 1, \dots, N$), interacting with the external Yang-Mills fields A_μ and B_μ , with the action

$$S = \int d^2\xi [\bar{\psi} i \hat{\partial} \psi - i \bar{\psi} \hat{A} \frac{1 + \gamma_5}{2} \psi - i \bar{\psi} \hat{B} \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} \psi]. \quad (2.1)$$

We can rewrite it as

$$S = \int d^2\xi [i\psi_-^* \dot{\psi}_- + i\psi_+^* \dot{\psi}_+ + i\psi_-^* \psi'_- - i\psi_+^* \psi'_+ - i\sqrt{2}(A_+^a \psi_-^* t_a \psi_- + B_-^a \psi_+^* t_a \psi_+)]. \quad (2.2)$$

We chose anti-hermitian matrices t_a as the generators of the gauge group G , introduce light-cone components $V_\pm = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(V_0 \pm V_1)$ for the vectors, and write the gauge potentials as $A_+ = A_+^a t_a$ and $B_- = B_-^a t_a$. We use the basis $\gamma^0 = \sigma_1, \gamma^1 = -i\sigma_2, \gamma_5 = \gamma^0\gamma^1 = \sigma_3$, and define the Weyl spinors by the conditions $\gamma_5\psi_\pm = \mp\psi_\pm$. For simplicity, we write $\psi_\pm^*\psi_\pm$ and $\psi_\pm^* t_a \psi_\pm$ instead of $\sum_i \psi_\pm^{*i}\psi_\pm^i$ and $\sum_{ij} \psi_\pm^{*i} t_{aij} \psi_\pm^j$.

The fermionic action (2.2) is already in the hamiltonian form and we can conclude that there are two basic lagrangian variables ψ_-^i and ψ_+^i appearing with time derivative, whose conjugate momenta are $\pi_\pm^i = i\psi_\pm^{*i}$. Variables without time derivatives, A_+^a and B_-^a , are lagrange multipliers and the primary constraints corresponding to them are the currents

$$j_{\pm a} = i\psi_\pm^* t_a \psi_\pm = \pi_\pm t_a \psi_\pm. \quad (2.3)$$

The canonical hamiltonian density can be expressed in terms of the chiral quantities θ_\pm

$$\mathcal{H}_c = \theta_+ - \theta_- \quad (\theta_\pm = i\psi_\pm^* \psi'_\pm = \pi_\pm \psi'_\pm). \quad (2.4)$$

Starting with the basic PB

$$\{\psi_\pm^i(\sigma), \pi_\pm^j(\bar{\sigma})\} = \delta^{ij}\delta(\sigma - \bar{\sigma}), \quad (2.5)$$

we can find that PB of the currents satisfies two independent copies of KM algebras *without central charges*

$$\{j_{\pm a}, j_{\pm b}\} = f_{ab}^c j_{\pm c} \delta, \quad \{j_{+a}, j_{-b}\} = 0. \quad (2.6)$$

We also have the relations

$$\{\theta_\pm, j_{\pm a}\} = j_{\pm a} \delta', \quad \{\theta_\pm, j_{\mp a}\} = 0, \quad (2.7)$$

which imply

$$\{\mathcal{H}_c, j_{\pm a}\} = \pm j_{\pm a} \delta'. \quad (2.8)$$

The total hamiltonian takes the form

$$H_T = \int d\sigma [\mathcal{H}_c + \sqrt{2}(A_+^a j_{-a} + B_-^a j_{+a})]. \quad (2.9)$$

The consistency conditions for the currents

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{j}_{+a} &= \{j_{+a}, H_T\} = j'_{+a} + \sqrt{2} f_{ab}{}^c B_-^b j_{+c}, \\ \dot{j}_{-a} &= \{j_{-a}, H_T\} = -j'_{-a} + \sqrt{2} f_{ab}{}^c A_+^b j_{-c}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

do not lead to new constraints, because the right hand sides of (2.10) are weakly equal to zero. In fact, the last equation means that chiral currents are separately conserved

$$\begin{aligned} D_- j_{+a} &\equiv \partial_- j_{+a} - f_{ab}{}^c B_-^b j_{+c} = 0, \\ D_+ j_{-a} &\equiv \partial_+ j_{-a} - f_{ab}{}^c A_+^b j_{-c} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

or that both vector and axial vector currents are conserved.

The currents j_{-a} and j_{+a} correspond to the arbitrary multipliers A_+^a and B_-^a respectively in (2.9), and consequently they are FCC. Eqs. (2.6) lead to the same conclusion.

Therefore, the classical theory has local non-abelian gauge symmetries, whose generators $j_{\pm a}$ satisfies the corresponding PB algebra (2.6).

B. Quantum theory

In passing from the classical to the quantum domain, we introduce the operators $\hat{\psi}_{\pm}^i$ instead of the field ψ_{\pm}^i , replace the PB by the commutators and define the composite operators using normal ordered prescription

$$\hat{j}_{\pm a} = :\hat{\pi}_{\pm} t_a \hat{\psi}_{\pm} :, \quad \hat{\theta}_{\pm} = :\hat{\pi}_{\pm} \hat{\psi}'_{\pm} :. \quad (2.12)$$

The gauge fields A_+^a and B_-^a will be considered as classical background fields.

Then, instead of the PB algebra (2.6) and (2.7) we obtain corresponding commutator algebra

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{j}_{\pm a}, \hat{j}_{\pm b}] &= i\hbar[f_{ab}{}^c \hat{j}_{\pm c} \delta \pm 2\kappa \delta_{ab} \delta'], & [\hat{j}_{+a}, \hat{j}_{-b}] &= 0, \\ [\hat{\theta}_{\pm}, \hat{j}_{\pm a}] &= i\hbar \hat{j}_{\pm a} \delta', & [\hat{\theta}_{\pm}, \hat{j}_{\mp a}] &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

with $\kappa = \frac{-\hbar}{8\pi}$. For details of derivations see the Appendix.

In the quantum theory, as well as in the classical one, we also have a pair of commuting KM algebras but this time with a *central charge*, in this case known as Schwinger term. Therefore, the constraints $j_{\pm a}$ which were FCC in the classical theory, become SCC operators \hat{j}_{\pm}^a in the quantum theory. This means that the theory is anomalous, because the classical symmetry generated by FCC $j_{\pm a}$ is destroyed at the quantum level. After quantization the theory obtains new degrees of freedom.

Note that under parity transformation $P : \hat{\psi}_{\pm} \rightarrow \hat{\psi}_{\mp}$, so that $P \hat{j}_{\pm a}(\tau, \sigma) P = \hat{j}_{\mp a}(\tau, -\sigma)$ and $P \hat{\theta}_{\pm}(\tau, \sigma) P = -\hat{\theta}_{\mp}(\tau, -\sigma)$. Consequently, relations (2.13) with plus and minus indices are connected by parity transformation. This means that our regularization scheme is left-right symmetric, because the normal order prescription takes the regularization role of the theory.

III. GAUGE WZNW MODEL AS AN EFFECTIVE ACTION

The PB algebra (2.6) is the symmetry generator algebra, because $j_{\pm a}$ are of the FCC. The commutator algebra (2.13) is the algebra of dynamical variables (except the zero modes, see [8]), because there is a constant central term on the right hand side. Our intention is to find the *effective theory* for these variables, which means the quantum version of the action (2.1).

We introduce new variables $J_{\pm a}$ and Θ_{\pm} and postulate that their classical PB algebra

$$\begin{aligned} \{J_{\pm a}, J_{\pm b}\} &= f_{ab}{}^c J_{\pm c} \delta \pm 2\kappa \delta_{ab} \delta', & \{J_{+a}, J_{-b}\} &= 0, \\ \{\Theta_{\pm}, J_{\pm a}\} &= J_{\pm a} \delta', & \{\Theta_{\pm}, J_{\mp a}\} &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

is isomorphic to the commutator algebra (2.13) of the operators $\hat{j}_{\pm a}$ and $\hat{\theta}_{\pm}$. We also define the canonical and the total hamiltonian densities in analogy with (2.4) and (2.9)

$$\mathcal{H}_c = \Theta_+ - \Theta_-, \quad \mathcal{H}_T = \mathcal{H}_c + \sqrt{2}(A_+^a J_{-a} + B_-^a J_{+a}). \quad (3.2)$$

We should construct the canonical effective action W , for the theory with PB algebra (3.1) and with hamiltonian density (3.2). In subsec.A we are going to find the expressions for the currents and hamiltonian density in terms of the phase-space variables, and then in subsec.B we will apply general canonical method [6,7] to find the action W .

A. Bosonic representation for the PB algebra

Let us "solve" eqs. (3.1), i.e. find the expressions for the currents $J_{\pm a}$ and for the energy-momentum tensor Θ_{\pm} in terms of the coordinate q^{α} and the corresponding momenta π_{α} , which satisfies

$$\{q^{\alpha}, \pi_{\beta}\} = \delta_{\beta}^{\alpha} \delta. \quad (3.3)$$

We will start with the *ansatz*, that the currents are linear in the momenta

$$J_{\pm a} = -E_{\pm a}^{\alpha} (\pi_{\alpha} + R_{\pm \alpha}), \quad (3.4)$$

where the coefficients $E_{\pm a}^{\alpha}$ and $R_{\pm \alpha}$ are the functions of q^{α} only, and do not depend on the π_{α} . We also suppose that the matrices $E_{\pm a}^{\alpha}$ have inverses, which we denote by $E_{\pm \alpha}^a$. The indices α, β, \dots run over the same range as a, b, \dots

Substituting (3.4) into the first equation (3.1) we obtain an equation linear in π_{α} . The vanishing coefficient in front of momentum gives

$$E_{\pm b}^{\beta} \partial_{\beta} E_{\pm a}^{\alpha} - E_{\pm a}^{\beta} \partial_{\beta} E_{\pm b}^{\alpha} = -f_{ab}^c E_{\pm c}^{\alpha}, \quad (3.5)$$

or equivalently

$$\partial_{\beta} E_{\pm \alpha}^c - \partial_{\alpha} E_{\pm \beta}^c = f_{ab}^c E_{\pm \alpha}^a E_{\pm \beta}^b. \quad (3.6)$$

The second condition (term without π) yields

$$E_{\pm a}{}^\alpha E_{\pm b}{}^\beta [\{\pi_\alpha, R_{\pm\beta}\} + \{R_{\pm\alpha}, \pi_\beta\}] = \pm 2\kappa \delta_{ab} \delta'. \quad (3.7)$$

On the right side there is derivative of the delta function, so there must also be a derivative on the left side, and we suppose that

$$R_{\pm\alpha} = P_{\pm\alpha\beta}(q) q^{\beta'}. \quad (3.8)$$

Using this in (3.7) we obtain two conditions,

$$E_{\pm a}{}^\alpha E_{\pm b}{}^\beta (P_{\pm\alpha\beta} + P_{\pm\beta\alpha}) = \pm 2\kappa \delta_{ab}, \quad (3.9)$$

and

$$E_{\pm a}{}^\alpha \partial_\gamma E_{\pm b}{}^\beta P_{\pm\alpha\beta} + E_{\pm a}{}^\alpha \partial_\gamma (E_{\pm b}{}^\beta P_{\pm\beta\alpha}) + E_{\pm a}{}^\alpha E_{\pm b}{}^\beta (\partial_\beta P_{\pm\alpha\gamma} - \partial_\alpha P_{\pm\beta\gamma}) = 0, \quad (3.10)$$

because the coefficients in front of δ' and δ must vanish separately.

If we define the symmetric tensor

$$\gamma_{\pm\alpha\beta} = E_{\pm\alpha}{}^a E_{\pm\beta}{}^b \delta_{ab} \quad (3.11)$$

we can rewrite (3.9) as $P_{\pm\alpha\beta} + P_{\pm\beta\alpha} = \pm 2\kappa \gamma_{\pm\alpha\beta}$ and find its general solution

$$P_{\pm\alpha\beta} = 2\kappa (\tau_{\pm\alpha\beta} \pm \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{\pm\alpha\beta}), \quad (3.12)$$

where $\tau_{\pm\alpha\beta} = -\tau_{\pm\beta\alpha}$ is some antisymmetric tensor. The first term is a solution of homogeneous part and the second one is a particular solution of the full equation.

With the help of (3.6) and (3.12) we can obtain from (3.10)

$$\partial_\alpha \tau_{\pm\beta\gamma} + \partial_\beta \tau_{\pm\gamma\alpha} + \partial_\gamma \tau_{\pm\alpha\beta} = \mp \frac{1}{2} f_{abc} E_{\pm\alpha}{}^a E_{\pm\beta}{}^b E_{\pm\gamma}{}^c. \quad (3.13)$$

Therefore, from the first eq. (3.1) we got two relations, (3.6) and (3.13). The first one is a condition on the $E_{\pm\alpha}{}^a$'s and the second one defines $\tau_{\pm\alpha\beta}$'s in terms of $E_{\pm\alpha}{}^a$'s.

From the second eq. (3.1) we also obtain three equations

$$E_{+a}{}^\alpha \partial_\alpha E_{-b}{}^\beta - E_{-b}{}^\alpha \partial_\alpha E_{+a}{}^\beta = 0, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [-E_{+a}{}^\alpha \partial_\alpha E_{-b}{}^\beta P_{-\beta\gamma} + E_{-b}{}^\alpha \partial_\alpha E_{+a}{}^\beta P_{+\beta\gamma} + E_{+a}{}^\alpha \partial_\gamma E_{-b}{}^\beta (P_{-\beta\alpha} + P_{+\alpha\beta}) \\ & + E_{+a}{}^\alpha E_{-b}{}^\beta (-\partial_\alpha P_{-\beta\gamma} + \partial_\beta P_{+\alpha\gamma} + \partial_\gamma P_{-\beta\alpha})] q^{\gamma'} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

and

$$P_{+\alpha\beta} + P_{-\beta\alpha} = 0, \quad (3.16)$$

as coefficients in front of $\pi_\beta \delta$, δ and $E_{+a}{}^\alpha E_{-b}{}^\beta \delta'$ respectively. From (3.12), (3.16) and the symmetry properties of τ and γ , follows

$$\tau_{+\alpha\beta} = \tau_{-\alpha\beta}, \quad \gamma_{+\alpha\beta} = \gamma_{-\alpha\beta}, \quad (3.17)$$

and consequently, from now we will just call them $\tau_{\alpha\beta}$ and $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$, so that (3.12) becomes

$$P_{\pm\alpha\beta} = 2\kappa(\tau_{\alpha\beta} \pm \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{\alpha\beta}). \quad (3.18)$$

With the help of (3.6) and (3.11) we recognize $E_{\pm a}{}^\alpha$ as vielbeins on the group manifold, and $\gamma_{\alpha\beta}$ as the Cartan metric in coordinate basis.

Eq. (3.15) is a linear combination of equations (3.13), (3.14) and (3.16), and does not give anything new. We will discuss eq. (3.14) soon.

To make the geometric interpretation clearer we introduce a differential form notation. Let us define the pair of Lie-algebra valued 1-forms

$$v_\pm = t_a E_{\pm a}{}^\alpha dq^\alpha, \quad (3.19)$$

and the 2-form

$$\tau = \frac{1}{2} \tau_{\alpha\beta} dq^\alpha dq^\beta. \quad (3.20)$$

Then equations (3.6) become the Maurer-Cartan (MC) equations

$$dv_\pm + v_\pm^2 = 0. \quad (3.21)$$

They have a simple solutions in which the MC forms v_{\pm} are expressed in terms of group-valued fields g_{\pm} as

$$v_{\pm} = g_{\pm}^{-1} dg_{\pm} . \quad (3.22)$$

In new notation equation (3.13) with the help of (3.17) obtains the form

$$d\tau = \mp \frac{1}{3!} (v_{\pm}, v_{\pm}^2) , \quad (3.23)$$

where (X, Y) is the Cartan inner product defined as $(t_a, t_b) = \delta_{ab}$, so that in our normalization $(t_a, t_b) = -2tr\{t_a t_b\}$.

From the second eq.(3.17) and (3.11) we have

$$(v_+, v_+) = (v_-, v_-) , \quad (3.24)$$

and from (3.23)

$$(v_+, v_+^2) = -(v_-, v_-^2) . \quad (3.25)$$

The Cartan-Killing form (X, Y) is invariant under the adjoint action of the group element g : $(g^{-1}Xg, g^{-1}Yg) = (X, Y)$, so we can conclude that v_+ and v_- are connected as

$$v_- = -g^{-1}v_+g , \quad (3.26)$$

where g is a group valued field. Substituting (3.22) in (3.26) we easily obtain that $g = g_- = g_+^{-1}$ and finally

$$v_+ = g dg^{-1} , \quad v_- = g^{-1} dg . \quad (3.27)$$

Let us now come back to equation (3.14). After some transformations we can write it as

$$dv_- = g^{-1} dv_+ g , \quad (3.28)$$

or with the help of (3.21) as $v_-^2 = g^{-1}v_+^2g$. Therefore, it is not a new relation but the consequence of the (3.26).

The final result for the current components is

$$J_{\pm a} = -E_{\pm a}{}^{\alpha} [\pi_{\alpha} + 2\kappa(\tau_{\alpha\beta} \pm \frac{1}{2}\gamma_{\alpha\beta})q^{\beta'}]. \quad (3.29)$$

We still need to "solve" the last two equations (3.1). Because all expressions with the opposite chirality commute, we will take $\Theta_{\pm} = \Theta_{\pm}(J_{\pm a})$. The group invariant expressions

$$\Theta_{\pm} = \pm \frac{1}{4\kappa} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} J_{\pm a} J_{\pm b}, \quad (3.30)$$

representing the components of energy-momentum tensor, is the solution we are looking for. It is enough to use only the first two relations (3.1) and not the expressions (3.29), to check that (3.30) satisfies the last two equations (3.1).

B. Effective action

We are ready to construct the effective action based on the general canonical formalism. It takes the standard form

$$W(q, \pi, A, B) = \int d^2\xi (\pi_{\alpha} \dot{q}^{\alpha} - \mathcal{H}_T), \quad (3.31)$$

where the total hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_T = \Theta_+ - \Theta_- + \sqrt{2}(A_+^a J_{-a} + B_-^a J_{+a})$, is defined in (3.2). The expressions for the current components and for the energy-momentum tensor components in terms of canonical pairs $(q^{\alpha}, \pi_{\alpha})$ are defined in (3.29) and (3.30).

To find the usual second-order form of the action, we will eliminate the momentum variables π_{α} on their equations of motion

$$\dot{q}^{\alpha} - \frac{1}{2\kappa} \gamma^{\alpha\beta} (J_{+\beta} + J_{-\beta}) + \sqrt{2}(A_+^{\alpha} + B_-^{\alpha}) = 0, \quad (3.32)$$

where $A_+^{\alpha} = E_+{}^{\alpha}{}_a A_+^a$, $B_-^{\alpha} = E_-{}^{\alpha}{}_a B_-^a$ and $J_{\pm\alpha} = -E_{\pm\alpha}{}^a J_{\pm a}$. With the help of (3.29) we have on the equations of motion

$$J_{\pm}^{\alpha} = \sqrt{2}\kappa(\partial_{\pm} q^{\alpha} + A_+^{\alpha} + B_-^{\alpha}). \quad (3.33)$$

Substituting this in (3.31), after some calculations we find

$$W(q, A, B) = W_0(q) + W_1(q, A, B), \quad (3.34)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} W_0(q) &= - \int d^2\xi P_{-\alpha\beta} \partial_- q^\alpha \partial_+ q^\beta = \kappa \int d^2\xi (\gamma_{\alpha\beta} - 2\tau_{\alpha\beta}) \partial_- q^\alpha \partial_+ q^\beta, \\ W_1(q, A, B) &= 2\kappa \int d^2\xi [\partial_- q^\alpha E_{+\alpha}{}^a A_{+a} + \partial_+ q^\alpha E_{-\alpha}{}^a B_{-a} + A_+^a E_{+a}{}^\alpha E_{-\alpha}{}^b B_{-b} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(A_+^a A_{+a} + B_-^a B_{-a})]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.35)$$

It is possible to add to the effective action some local functional, depending on the fields A_+ and B_- . In order to cancel the last term in (3.35) we add

$$\Delta W = -\kappa \int d^2\xi [A_+^a A_{+a} + B_-^a B_{-a}], \quad (3.36)$$

and get

$$W_{l,r} = W + \Delta W, \quad (3.37)$$

where the meaning of the indices l, r will be clear in Sec. V.

In the differential form notation, with Cartan inner product normalization, using the Stoke's theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned} W_0(v) &= \frac{1}{2}\kappa \int_\Sigma (*v_\pm, v_\pm) \pm \frac{1}{3}\kappa \int_M (v_\pm, v_\pm^2), \\ (W_1 + \Delta W)(v, A, B,) &= \kappa \int_\Sigma [(v_+, A - *A) - (v_-, B + *B) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2}(B + *B, g^{-1}(A - *A)g)]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.38)$$

Here, $W_0(v)$ is the well known WZNW model [2,9]. As defined in (3.19), v_\pm are the Lie algebra valued 1-forms and $*v_\pm$ are the dual of v_\pm . Both expressions for $W_0(v)$ are equal on the basis of (3.24) and (3.25). The first term is the action of the non-linear σ -model, while the second one is the topological Wess-Zumino term, defined over a three-manifold M whose boundary is the spacetime: $\partial M = \Sigma$. For our value of $\kappa = -\frac{\hbar}{8\pi}$ it reads

$$\frac{\hbar}{24\pi} \int_M (g^{-1}dg, g^{-1}dg g^{-1}dg), \quad (3.39)$$

so that it is well-defined modulo $2\pi\hbar n$, where $n \in Z$ is a winding number. We want to stress, that the proper value of κ for which quantum theory is single-valued is determined from the central charge, which we obtained using just the normal ordered prescription in quantum fermionic theory.

The expression for $W_1 + \Delta W$ is the regular part of the gauge extension of the WZNW action. It has been obtained in the process of consistent gauge invariant extension of the WZNW model [10].

Starting with the PB algebra (3.1) and eq. (3.2), we obtained the action (3.38) for any value of the constant κ . But, the uniqueness of the irreducible representation of the KM algebra, as well as topological arguments [2] force it just to the same value as in our normal-order approach.

IV. BOSONIZATION

A. The chiral currents bosonization rules

In the previous section we obtained the effective action W for massless fermi theory in the external gauge fields. This is equivalent, to solving the functional integral

$$Z_F(A, B) = \int d\psi_+ d\psi_- e^{iS(\psi_+, \psi_-, A, B)}. \quad (4.1)$$

The final result depends only on the background fields A and B . The bosonic expression for W depends not only on A and B , but also on some auxiliary fields, q^α and π_α in the hamiltonian and g in the lagrangian case. So, after integration over auxiliary fields we can eliminate them and obtain

$$Z_B(A, B) = \int d\pi dq e^{iW(q, \pi, A, B)}, \quad Z_B(A, B) = \int dg e^{iW_l, r(v, A, B)}, \quad (4.2)$$

for the hamiltonian and the lagrangian approach respectively. We are not going to do the integrations explicitly, because they lead to non local expression in terms of A and B , even in the abelian case. We only conclude that Z_F should be proportional to Z_B

$$Z_F \sim Z_B. \quad (4.3)$$

This functional integral identity admits interpretation in terms of bosonization. Differentiating (4.3) with respect to B_-^a and A_+^a and setting $A_+ = 0 = B_-$, we obtain the bosonization rules for chiral currents in non-abelian theory.

If we choose the expression $W(q, \pi, A, B)$ from (3.31) as an effective action we get the hamiltonian bosonization rules

$$i\psi_\pm^* t_a \psi_\pm \rightarrow -E_{\pm a}{}^\alpha (\pi_\alpha + P_{\pm\alpha\beta} q^{\beta'}), \quad (4.4)$$

and if we choose $W_{l,r}(v, A, B)$ from (3.38), we get the well known lagrangian bosonization rules

$$i\psi_+^* t_a \psi_+ \rightarrow -\sqrt{2}\kappa g \partial_+ g^{-1} \quad i\psi_-^* t_a \psi_- \rightarrow -\sqrt{2}\kappa g^{-1} \partial_- g. \quad (4.5)$$

B. The chiral densities bosonization rules

It is possible to add the mass term

$$\bar{\psi}\psi = \psi_+^* \psi_- + \psi_-^* \psi_+ \quad (4.6)$$

to the action (2.1) and find the corresponding expression in terms of the bosonic variables. Let us introduce the chiral densities

$$\rho_\pm = \bar{\psi} \frac{1 \pm \gamma_5}{2} \psi = \psi_\pm^* \psi_\mp = -i\pi_\pm \psi_\mp. \quad (4.7)$$

All expressions are matrices with indices i, j (for example $\rho_\pm^{ij} = -i\pi_\pm^i \psi_\mp^j$) but we will omit them for simplicity.

It is easy to find the PB between the chiral densities and the currents $j_{\pm a}$, defined in (2.3)

$$\{j_{\pm a}, \rho_\pm\} = (\rho_\pm t_a) \delta, \quad \{j_{\pm a}, \rho_\mp\} = -(t_a \rho_\mp) \delta. \quad (4.8)$$

In the quantum theory the central term does not appear, so the commutation relations, up to $i\hbar$, are the same as PB (4.8). The commutators with the currents $\hat{j}_{\pm a}$ completely define the expressions for $\hat{\rho}_{\pm}$.

For the bosonic representations, instead of $\hat{\rho}_{\pm}$ we introduce the corresponding matrix valued expressions Υ_{\pm} , depending on the bosonic variables. Their PB algebra with $J_{\pm a}$ should be isomorphic to the operators algebra of $\hat{\rho}_{\pm}$ with $\hat{j}_{\pm a}$

$$\{J_{\pm a}, \Upsilon_{\pm}\} = (\Upsilon_{\pm} t_a) \delta, \quad \{J_{\pm a}, \Upsilon_{\mp}\} = -(t_a \Upsilon_{\mp}) \delta. \quad (4.9)$$

Both relations (4.9) will give the same result, so we will solve only the first one.

Assuming that Υ_{\pm} does not depend on the momenta, and using the expression (3.29) for the current, we obtain the equation

$$E_{\pm a}^{\alpha} \partial_{\alpha} \Upsilon_{\pm} = \Upsilon_{\pm} t_a. \quad (4.10)$$

Multiplying it with $E_{\pm}^a{}_{\beta} dq^{\beta}$, with the help of (3.19) we get

$$\Upsilon_{\pm}^{-1} d\Upsilon_{\pm} = v_{\pm}. \quad (4.11)$$

Comparing last equation with (3.27), we conclude that

$$\Upsilon_+ = M g^{-1}, \quad \Upsilon_- = M g, \quad (4.12)$$

where M is a constant. Because g is dimensionless, M has dimension of mass. At the end, we can complete our bosonization formulae for the chiral densities

$$\bar{\psi}\psi \rightarrow \Upsilon_+ + \Upsilon_- = M(g + g^{-1}), \quad \bar{\psi}\gamma_5\psi \rightarrow \Upsilon_+ - \Upsilon_- = M(g^{-1} - g). \quad (4.13)$$

They are the same for the hamiltonian and lagrangian case, because they do not depend on the momenta and agree with those of reference [2].

V. CANONICAL APPROACH TO ANOMALIES

A. From Schwinger term to anomalies

The Schwinger term breaks the symmetries, changing the generators from the FCC to the SCC. It is interesting to investigate its influence on the transformation properties of the effective action.

Let us extend the previously described general canonical method for constructing the effective action, from the known PB algebra to the case with the central term. The basic idea of that approach was, that the action

$$W = \int d^2\xi [\pi_\alpha \dot{q}^\alpha - \mathcal{H}_c - \lambda^m G_m] \quad (5.1)$$

is invariant under gauge transformations

$$\delta F(\sigma) = \{F(\sigma), \int d\bar{\sigma} \varepsilon(\bar{\sigma}) G_m(\bar{\sigma})\} \quad (5.2)$$

of any quantity $F(\pi, q)$, and

$$\delta \lambda^m = \dot{\varepsilon}^m - \varepsilon^{n'} h_n^m - \varepsilon^n \lambda^k f_{kn}^m \quad (5.3)$$

of lagrange multipliers λ^m , if G_m are the FCC

$$\{G_m, G_n\} = f_{mn}^p G_p \delta, \quad \{\mathcal{H}_c, G_m\} = h_m^n G_n \delta'. \quad (5.4)$$

Here we adopted the notation appropriate for field theory.

In the case where the central term is present the first equation (5.4) becomes

$$\{G_m, G_n\} = f_{mn}^p G_p \delta + \Delta_{mn}(\sigma, \bar{\sigma}). \quad (5.5)$$

We want to preserve the gauge transformations of the fields (5.2) and (5.3). Then the Schwinger term appears in the variation of the effective action

$$\delta W = - \int d\tau d\sigma \int d\bar{\sigma} \lambda^m(\sigma) \Delta_{mn}(\sigma, \bar{\sigma}) \varepsilon^n(\bar{\sigma}). \quad (5.6)$$

The method, we have used, works only for actions linear in the gauge fields λ^m . We can add arbitrary local functional $\Delta W(\lambda^m)$ to the effective action and obtain the general expression for the anomaly

$$\mathcal{A}_n(\sigma, \tau) = \frac{\delta W}{\delta \varepsilon^n(\sigma, \tau)} = \int d\bar{\sigma} \Delta_{nm}(\sigma, \bar{\sigma}) \lambda^m(\bar{\sigma}, \tau) + \frac{\delta}{\delta \varepsilon^n(\sigma, \tau)} \Delta W. \quad (5.7)$$

The non trivial part of the anomaly is proportional to the Schwinger term, because it breaks the symmetry and measures non-invariance of the effective action.

We want to emphasize, that we do not need the expression for the generators G_m in terms of π_α and q^α to obtain (5.6) and (5.7). It is enough to know only the central term, and the anomaly will depend on the gauge field λ^m , but not on the phase space coordinate.

B. The left-right and the axial anomalies

We can apply this method to the classical fermionic theory with

$$\begin{aligned} G_m &= j_{+a}, & j_{-a}, \\ \lambda^m &= \sqrt{2} B_-^a, & \sqrt{2} A_+^a, \\ \varepsilon^m &= \beta^a, & \alpha^a, \end{aligned}$$

and obtain the well known transformations under the local gauge group $G_l \times G_r$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \psi_- &= -\alpha \psi_-, & \delta A_+ &= \partial_+ \alpha - [A_+, \alpha], \\ \delta \psi_+ &= -\beta \psi_+, & \delta B_- &= \partial_- \beta - [B_-, \beta] \end{aligned} \quad (5.8)$$

where $\alpha = \alpha^a t_a$ and $\beta = \beta^a t_a$.

In the case of the bosonic theory we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_m &= J_{+a}, & J_{-a}, \\ \lambda^m &= \sqrt{2} B_-^a, & \sqrt{2} A_+^a, \\ \varepsilon^m &= \beta^a, & \alpha^a, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Delta_{mn}(\sigma, \bar{\sigma}) \rightarrow \pm 2\kappa \delta_{ab} \delta'(\sigma - \bar{\sigma}) \quad (m \rightarrow (a, \pm), n \rightarrow (b, \pm)). \quad (5.9)$$

The local gauge transformations for the fields A_+ and B_- are the same as in (5.8) and for matter fields we have

$$\delta q^\alpha = -\beta^a E_{+a}{}^\alpha - \alpha^a E_{-a}{}^\alpha, \quad (5.10)$$

which yields

$$\delta g = \beta g - g \alpha \quad (5.11)$$

(see [8] and the second ref. [7]).

Under these transformations we have from (5.6) and (5.9)

$$\delta W = -4\sqrt{2}\kappa \int d^2\xi \text{tr}\{\beta B'_- - \alpha A'_+\}. \quad (5.12)$$

When we include the transformation of the ΔW (3.36)

$$\delta(\Delta W) = -4\kappa \int d^2\xi \text{tr}\{\alpha \partial_+ A_+ + \beta \partial_- B_-\} \quad (5.13)$$

we obtain

$$\delta W_{l,r} = -4\kappa \int d^2\xi \text{tr}\{\alpha \partial_- A_+ + \beta \partial_+ B_-\}, \quad \mathcal{A}_l = 2\kappa \partial_- A_+, \quad \mathcal{A}_r = 2\kappa \partial_+ B_+, \quad (5.14)$$

where $W_{l,r} = W + \Delta W$ as in (3.37). In this case both left and right symmetries are anomalous, which we denoted by indices l, r .

We can add the finite local counterterm

$$\Delta W_{ax} = -4\kappa \int d^2\xi \text{tr}\{A_+ B_-\}, \quad (5.15)$$

and shift anomaly from left-right to axial one. The redefined effective action $W_{ax} = W_{l,r} + \Delta W_{ax}$ is invariant under the vector gauge transformation: $\alpha = \beta = \varepsilon_v$

$$\delta_v W_{ax} = 0, \quad (5.16)$$

but not under the axial one: $\alpha = -\beta = \varepsilon_{ax}$

$$\delta_{ax} W_{ax} = -8\kappa \int d^2\xi \text{tr}\{\varepsilon_{ax}^* F\}, \quad \mathcal{A}_{ax} = 4\kappa^* F, \quad (5.17)$$

where

$${}^*F = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}, \quad (5.18)$$

and

$$F_{-+} = \partial_- A_+ - \partial_+ B_- + [A_+, B_-]. \quad (5.19)$$

The second equation (5.17) is the well known result for axial anomaly.

The non-invariance of the effective action is a consequence of the non-conservation of the currents. The hamiltonian equations of motion have anomalous divergent currents, instead of the conserved one in (2.11). Taking into account ΔW and ΔW_{ax} , the same expressions for \mathcal{A}_l , \mathcal{A}_r (5.14) and for \mathcal{A}_{ax} (5.17) can be obtained.

VI. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We presented here a complete and independent derivation of the two dimensional gauged WZNW model, using the hamiltonian methods. We also obtained hamiltonian and lagrangian non-abelian bosonization rules and the expression for the anomalies.

We started with canonical analysis of the theory of massless chiral fermions coupled to the external gauge field. We found that there are FCC $j_{\pm a}$, whose PB satisfies two independent copies of KM algebras without central charges. In passing to the quantum theory, the central term appears in the commutation relations of the operators $\hat{j}_{\pm a}$, which changes the nature of constraints: they become SCC instead of FCC.

We define the new effective theory, postulating the PB of the constraints and hamiltonian density. Particularly, we require that PB algebra of the classical bosonic theory should be isomorphic to the commutator algebra of the quantum fermionic theory. Then we found the representation for the currents and hamiltonian density in terms of phase space coordinates. Finally, we derived effective action using general canonical formalism and obtained the gauged WZNW model. We want to stress, that we also got the topological Wess-Zumino term. The tensor $\tau_{\pm\alpha\beta}$, as its origin, appears in our approach as a general solution of the homogeneous part of the equation (3.9). The coefficient in front of the Wess-Zumino term

is defined by the numerical value of the central charge and gives a correct expression for the winding number.

Once we establish the connection between the fermionic and the bosonic theories, it was easy to find the bosonization rules, just differentiating generating functionals with respect to the background fields. Beside usual bosonization rules, we also got the hamiltonian ones, expressing the currents $J_{\pm a}$ in terms of both coordinate q^α and momentum π_α . After elimination of momenta on the equations of motion, we came back to the conventional bosonization rules.

The algebra of the currents $J_{\pm a}$ is the basic PB algebra. Knowing its representation in terms of q^α and π_α we can find the representation for all other quantities from their PB algebra with the currents. As an example we found the bosonization rules for the chiral densities.

The canonical approach is very suitable for calculation of the anomaly. The general formula (5.7) expresses the anomaly as a function of the Schwinger term. The normal ordering prescription for the quantum operators takes the role of left-right symmetric regularization scheme. So, we obtain both left and right anomalies. By adding the finite local counterterm we in fact changed the regularization scheme, and shifted the anomaly from the left-right symmetric to the axial one.

The Schwinger term, and consequently the WZNW model and the anomaly have the correct dependence on Planck's constant \hbar , because κ is proportional to \hbar . The fact that \hbar arise in the classical effective theory, shows its quantum origin.

The canonical approach of this paper can be applied to the other symmetries. If we take the diffeomorphism transformations instead of the non-abelian ones, then we will get Virasoro algebra, 2D induced gravity and conformal anomaly instead of KM algebra, WZNW model and axial anomaly. The work of this program is in progress and will be publish separately.

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APPENDIX A: NORMAL ORDERING AND SCHWINGER TERM

In this Appendix we will derive the expression for the central terms in the commutation relations (2.13).

We define currents $\hat{j}_{\pm a}$ as a quantum operators and introduce normal ordering prescription. Usually, it is convenient to employ the Fourier expansion of the fields, identifying the modes as a creation and annihilation operators with respect to Fock vacuum state.

Following [11] we prefer to decompose operators in positive and negative frequencies in the position space. We introduce two parts of delta function

$$\delta^{(\pm)}(\sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} \theta(\mp k) e^{ik(\sigma \mp i\varepsilon)} = \frac{\pm i}{2\pi(\sigma \pm i\varepsilon)}, \quad (\varepsilon > 0) \quad (\text{A1})$$

so that $\delta(\sigma) = \delta^{(+)}(\sigma) + \delta^{(-)}(\sigma)$ with the following properties

$$\delta^{(\pm)}(-\sigma) = \delta^{(\mp)}(\sigma), \quad (\delta^{(+)}(\sigma))^2 - (\delta^{(-)}(\sigma))^2 = \frac{-i}{2\pi} \delta'(\sigma). \quad (\text{A2})$$

Then for any operator $\hat{\Omega}(\tau, \sigma)$ we can perform the splitting

$$\hat{\Omega}^{(\pm)}(\tau, \sigma) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\bar{\sigma} \delta^{(\pm)}(\sigma - \bar{\sigma}) \hat{\Omega}(\tau, \bar{\sigma}), \quad (\text{A3})$$

where $\hat{\Omega} = \hat{\Omega}^{(+)} + \hat{\Omega}^{(-)}$.

Now, we adopt $\hat{\pi}_+^{(-)}$ and $\hat{\psi}_+^{(-)}$ as creation operators and $\hat{\pi}_+^{(+)}$ and $\hat{\psi}_+^{(+)}$ as annihilation operators

$$\hat{\pi}_+^{(+)}|0\rangle = \hat{\psi}_+^{(+)}|0\rangle = 0, \quad \langle 0|\hat{\pi}_+^{(-)} = \langle 0|\hat{\psi}_+^{(-)} = 0. \quad (\text{A4})$$

To preserve symmetry under parity transformations, we define creation and annihilation operators for $\hat{\pi}_-$ and $\hat{\psi}_-$ in an opposite way (with index $(+)$ for a creation and index $(-)$

for an annihilation operator). Then in the both cases, the normal order for products of operators means that annihilation operators are placed to the right of the creations one.

From the basic commutation relations $[\hat{\psi}_{\pm}^i, \hat{\pi}_{\pm}^j] = i\hbar\delta^{ij}\delta$, we can conclude that the only non trivial parts are

$$[\hat{\psi}_{+}^{(\pm)}(\sigma), \hat{\pi}_{+}^{(\mp)}(\bar{\sigma})] = i\hbar\delta^{(\pm)}(\sigma - \bar{\sigma}), \quad [\hat{\psi}_{-}^{(\pm)}(\sigma), \hat{\pi}_{-}^{(\mp)}(\bar{\sigma})] = i\hbar\delta^{(\pm)}(\sigma - \bar{\sigma}). \quad (\text{A5})$$

After some calculation it is possible to check the commutator algebra (2.13). Because the central term is the only possible difference compared to the PB algebra, the easiest way to confirm (2.13) is to start with expression

$$[\hat{j}_{\pm a}, \hat{j}_{\pm b}] = i\hbar(f_{ab}{}^c \hat{j}_{\pm c} \pm \Delta_{ab}), \quad (\text{A6})$$

and find its vacuum expectation value. With the help of (A2) and with the convention $tr\{t_a t_b\} = -\frac{1}{2}\delta_{ab}$, we obtain

$$\Delta_{ab} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} tr\{t_a t_b\} \delta' = 2\kappa \delta_{ab} \delta', \quad (\kappa = \frac{-\hbar}{8\pi}) \quad (\text{A7})$$

proving the first relation (2.13).

Commutators $[\hat{j}_{+}, \hat{j}_{-}]$ and $[\hat{\theta}, \hat{j}]$ do not have central extensions.

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